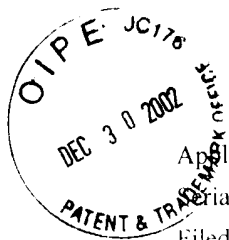


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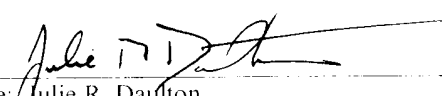
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2002, Applicants amend this application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel claim 25. Please amend claim 19 as follows:

19. (Amended) A liquid filter assembly comprising:
- (a) a filter head; said filter head having a center tube, an outer tube, a first liquid flow port, and a second liquid flow port; said outer tube circumscribing said center tube;
 - (i) said outer tube defining an end, an outer tube end port at said end, and an outer tube flow passageway extending between and in fluid communication with said first liquid flow port and said outer tube end port;
 - (A) said outer tube further including an outer tube threaded region;